



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

***Meeting Minute
May 13, 2008***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:12PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Blouin, Tom Reynolds, Chuck Metcalf, Valerie King, Gene Proper (left just before non-public session)

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE (w/ Dot O'Neil):

- About 22 people attended the meeting/lunch at the school. It went very well and the teacher involved would like to do it again next fall. Jim spoke to the teacher and she indicated that she would be requesting funds from the school for future events.
- Betty Straw spoke to a group of 20+ at the April meeting.
- The next meetings (at the end of May and early June) will regular meetings with games. The group will host a garden tour for the second meeting in June.
- Chuck noted that the new Coordinator would become more involved and may be able to report to the Commission on Dot's behalf. This would free up Dot from having to come to all the meetings.

BUDGET REVIEW:

- At the beginning of the month, 98.3% of the budget remains (not unusual for this time of year)

BALL FIELDS:

- Aeration and fertilizing of the fields has not occurred yet. Cutting Blade hopes to have this done by the end of the month
- Gene went by Ineson and noted that the grass looks very good.

CHASE PARK:

- The Park was not opened last weekend due to low water levels. The Park was scheduled to be open this Saturday and Sunday, but it will only be open on Sunday because Kathy (the only official employee to date) is unable to work Saturday. A note will be posted on the Park gate.
- Question raised regarding our staffing policy when it rains while swimming lessons are in progress (lessons are only called when there is lightening). The consensus of the Committee was to close the park but leave one staff member on duty (not an alternate) until lessons were done.
- Chuck met with Dave Hughie just prior to tonight's meeting regarding the request to located a communication tower at Chase Park (see e-mail exchanges for details). Dave was unable to provide Chuck with any details regarding the preferred location of the tower at Chase. Chuck has been told that the tower could require a 1-foot footprint and would be 25-30 feet high. There is concern from the Committee that locating the tower at the park would pose a hazard (in that it is a climbable structure and may attract lightening). The Committee will need more information before a decision can be made.

- Food Vendor: A woman has been in contact with Fred V. (Town Administrator) regarding a request to bring a hot dog cart into the Park. Our user policy requires a fee. The Committee also requires that the vendor provide the town with a copy of her food license, insurance card and her proposed Park schedule. Chuck will contact the vendor to discuss our requirements.
- The Town Administrator (Fred V.) has determined that we are required to provide potable water to staff of the Park. The Committee requested that Chuck go ahead and look into getting a bubbler for the gate house.

Tom moved to authorize the lease of a water bubbler for use by Chase Park staff. Jim seconded the motion. All approved

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

At 7:50pm, Chuck made a motion to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II-b to discuss Coordinator applicants (with Fred Ventresco, Town Administrator). Motion seconded by Jim. Roll call taken. The Committee came out of the non-public session at 8:20pm.

Jim made a motion to nominate (and recommend to the BOS) Mike Housman for the Coordinator position. Tom seconded the motion. All (4) approved.

At 8:21, Chuck made a motion to return to non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II-b to discuss gate attendant applicants. Roll call taken. The Committee came out of the non-public session at 8:45pm.

Tom made a motion, seconded by Val, to recommend the following applicants for the gate attendant positions:

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| • Andrew Valper (alternate) | • Ben Carignan (returning) |
| • Tyler Sweeney (alternate) | • Justin Robichaud (returning) |
| • Nick Metcalf (alternate) | • Julie Rhea |
| • Sammy Ray | • Bryanna Thibeault |
| • Colleen Couhie | • Nathan Goldsberry |
| • Ian Smith | |

Resulting vote: 2 yes, 2 abstain (Jim and Chuck), 0 no.

CHASE PARK (Continued)

- Salary discussion for Chase Park staff. Due to the default budget and the pay increase of the Head Gatekeeper, it was recommended that salaries be frozen at last year's rates.

Tom made a motion to pay new hires at a rate of \$7.00/hour. Chuck seconded the motion. All approved.

- Decision made to continue with current policy for lifeguards (pay ½ of their training cost upon passing the test and paying the other half at the end of their second summer at the Park and increasing pay by \$.50/hour).
- Chuck will see what he can do to get the pump started for this weekend.

- The school has requested that we get the swim lines out by June 19th. A decision on when to put out the lines was postponed until our next meeting (when more members would be present).

BOLTON FIELD:

- The “bubble” in the climbing structure has been broken. It has been estimated to cost \$200-300 to replace.

Chuck made a motion to replace the broken bubble at the Bolton playground. Tom seconded the motion. All (4) approved.

- Jim will call about ordering the bubble. If it doesn't require a credit card to order, he will place the order. If a credit card is required, he will forward the information to Fred V.
- An e-mail from Tami Andrews was received regarding shade for the playground and an offer to help clean-up at Bolton. Tom will respond to the e-mail. Chuck will look into getting replacements for the 2 missing pipes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tom planning to make repairs and paint gazebo.

NEW BUSINESS:

- According to Fred, state law requires the town to pay a 2 hour minimum to staff at Chase Park.
- A decision was made to meet 2 times a month (for the summer) beginning in May. The next meeting will be May 27th.
- JSGFA concession trailer is falling apart and may not make the return trip to the field. At their next meeting, JSGFA will be discussing a proposal to build a permanent concession stand at the field.
- The Committee is concerned about snowmobiles driving on the fields at Bolton. Gene was planning to bring these concerns to the Winter Wanderers at their next meeting. Since Gene had to leave the PARC meeting early, the discussion was postponed.
- Jim spoke to the company regarding dumpster services.
- It was decided that Kathy could sent rejection letters rather than calling applicants who were not chosen for the gate attendant positions. However, she will be asked to call those that were chosen. Chuck will ask Fred V. if the town has a standard rejections letter she could use.
- Discussion regarding minimum age of lifeguards. The Committee determined that this was not our decision. The minimum age for lifeguards will be determined by the certifying organization. Currently, 15 year olds are able to become certified and therefore may become lifeguards for Chase Park.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:25pm